

**MINUTES  
TOWN OF FORT MILL  
TOWN COUNCIL MEETING  
July 14, 2014  
7:00PM**

Present: Councilmen Huntley, Blythe, Spratt, Helms, Adams, Councilwoman Savage, Mayor Funderburk, Attorney Mack, Manager Pieper

Guests: Town Engineer, Paul Mitchell, Public Works Director, Davy Broom, Planning Director, Joe Cronin, Fire Chief, Jeff Hooper, Police Chief, Jeff Helms, Business Manager/Interim Municipal Clerk, Dana Powell and John Marks.

Mayor Funderburk called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm and led the Pledge of Allegiance. Councilwoman Savage gave the invocation and the Mayor welcomed everyone to the meeting. Councilman Huntley made a motion to approve the June 23, 2014 minutes, with a second by Councilwoman Savage. The motion was approved with a 7-0 vote.

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

Mayor Funderburk opened the meeting for public comments. No comments were received. Mayor Funderburk closed the public comment section of the meeting.

**PRESENTATIONS**

1. SC Strawberry Festival 2014 Recap: Events and Media Coordinator, Kimberly Starnes provided a PowerPoint presentation reviewing the success of the 2014 Strawberry Festival. While weather conditions were ideal this year, Kimberly noted that there were 60,000 attendees over the 2 day event making 2014 one of the most successful years for the Festival. Over 1,000 gallons of Strawberries were sold during the event due to the increased amount of attendees. The Festival was largely successful because of the dedicated time by 250 Volunteers, 50 of which work over the year planning the event. Planning for the 2015 Strawberry Festival is underway and the committee is planning on a Kentucky Derby Theme since the event will fall in line with the Derby. Mayor Funderburk then recognized Janice May and presented her with an award for the 3 years of service and coverage she has provided to the Strawberry Festival. Mayor Funderburk thanked Ms. May for her work and time.
2. Paradise CDBG Update: Jason Vance, Catawba Regional COG, presented an update on the Paradise CDBG Project. Jason stated that the neighborhood plan has been completed and approved. As a result of the approval, two (2) signs, an addition of a new sidewalk, replacement waterline, repaving of street and demolishing of vacant homes will be completed. Jason explained that the next step for the town is to apply for Grant Money in August and September. Through

a door-to-door income survey the Town will be able to provide to the State proof that there is low and moderate income. This data is strictly used for the Grant. On August 1, during the Council Meeting, the Town will revisit the priority need list. Jason explained that \$75,000 are available from C funds for the repaving of the street. Mayor Funderburk thanked Mr. Vance for his time and expressed his appreciation. Councilman Spratt asked what portion of the C funds can be used? Mr. Vance answered that all funds were available for use.

## **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

Report of the Ad Hoc Appointments Committee: Councilwoman Savage provided an overview from the committee meeting to discuss vacancies on the Board of Zoning Appeals and Historic Review Board, and to consider applicants for those vacancies. The committee recommended the appointment of Rhonda McCall to the Board of Zoning Appeals for a term ending on April 14, 2017, and Atalie Zimmerman to the Historic Review Board for a term ending on April 17, 2015. Councilwoman Savage made a motion to appoint Ms. McCall and Ms. Zimmerman to the positions noted. Councilman Adams seconded the request. The motion passed by a 7-0 vote. Councilwoman added that the Board of Zoning Appeals has two additional vacancies and is looking for volunteers. Anyone interested in serving on the board may contact the Town for more information.

## **ITEMS FOR INFORMATION**

Planning Director, Joe Cronin, presents an updated on the Bypass project. The Southern Bypass has been renamed as the Fort Mill Parkway. Dobys Bridge Road has been split in two designated the streets as North and South Dobys Bridge due to safety purposes. Under State Law the renaming is required to have a Public Hearing which will be held on July 22, 2014 at 7 p.m. An additional hearing will be held by the York County Planning Commission on July 14, 2014 at 7 p.m. Councilman Adams asked if the name change for the Dobys Bridge includes an apostrophe and when the Bypass will open. Joe states that he will research if an apostrophe is present and the Bypass will open at the end of July. Councilman Spratt asked why Dobys Bridge is not referred to East and West versus North and South. Joe clarifies that those personally affected by the Bypass to 160 have/will receive a letter from York County. Councilwoman Spratt asks for the Project Manager to attend the next Town Council meeting so that they may be able to answer any question.

## **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

A motion to enter into executive session was made by Councilman Savage and seconded by Councilman Spratt. The vote in favor of the motion was unanimous. Council entered into executive session at 7:28 pm.

Council returned to chambers and Mayor Funderburk called the meeting back to open session at 8:40 pm.

New Business Item #1: Grant of Easement for Construction and Operation of Water and Sewer Systems between M/I Homes of Charlotte, LLC and the Town of Fort Mill. M/I Homes of Charlotte, LLC requests the granting of a permanent 20 foot easement across town property near the intersection of Sam Smith Road and Harris Road: Councilwoman Savage made a motion to approve the Grant as presented. The motion was seconded by Councilman Adams. The motion passed by a vote of 7-0.

New Business Item #2: Contract consideration between Fort Mill and York County regarding a.) Purchase of a 24" water line paralleling Hwy 21 for the undepreciated value remaining on the county tax books and b.) Town of Fort Mill contract with York County for wholesale sewer service to the Kingsley North Land development site: Councilman Spratt made a motion to approve the contract as presented. The motion was seconded by Councilwoman Savage. The motion passed by a vote of 7-0. Councilman Huntley stated that the water is wholesale.

### **ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION**

*Mayor Funderburk extends Town Councils condolences to Attorney Mack.*

Councilman Huntley stated that the 4<sup>th</sup> of July celebration was one of the best yet. He stated that presentation of the Declaration by the three children from Fort Mill Schools was wonderful. After attending the Municipal Association meeting, Councilman Huntley shares that a Municipality that hosts a Peach Festival is/was amazed at the success of the Strawberry Festival. *Councilman Huntley also shares that former Mayor, Charlie Powers, is back in the hospital.*

Councilman Adams asked if a Formula to calculate the cost of service can be created. He stated this would be needed as the Town continues to grow. Councilman Adams notated that Mr. Mark Faris has a comprehensive figure.

*Councilwoman Savage thanked Town Staff and Council on cost analysis.*

### **ADJOURN**

Motion to adjourn was made by Mayor Funderburk and seconded by Councilwoman Savage. The motion to adjourn was approved unanimously.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:48 pm

Respectfully submitted,

Dana Powell  
Interim Municipal Clerk